Family Discussion Questions

We've been thinking about how God wants us to know him and his big plan ... and it's a bit like a puzzle.

See if you can tell each other why God's plan is like a puzzle?

(right from the beginning God has been putting puzzle pieces down to reveal his plan about his kingdom ... but it's like we've not seen the big picture yet ... but God says that with Jesus - the puzzle is finished! All the pieces point to Jesus)

And if God's plan was a puzzle ... what is the 'big picture' on the front of God's puzzle box!? ... what do all the pieces make a picture of? (Jesus)

Have a go at telling each other why you think Jesus so important?

Digging deeper ...

In Colossians, this puzzle is described as a mystery that God reveals to his people. Read Colossians 1:25-29

What do we learn about the mystery God wanted his people to know? (1:25-29)

The simple answer is Jesus! ... but dig deeper ... There's even more to understand!! ... Its the Word of God in it's fullness = Jesus ... so **all** of the bible teaches us about Jesus! Christ in you - the hope of glory

it's a mystery God reveals to the Gentiles as well

it's Jesus who we are told to be proclaim - admonish & teach with all wisdom teaching all about Jesus is what grows people to be more like Jesus Jesus works in us powerfully when we teach Jesus to each other!!

Read Colossians 2:1-5 ...

What things happen as people know Jesus more?

encouraged in heart

united in love

grow in our understanding so we get to know God through Jesus - cause in him are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge

not swayed by false teaching / fine sounding arguments

disciplined

firm faith

Discuss these things together ... how are you growing as you know Jesus more?

Take a few minutes to thank God for showing us the big puzzle picture!

Memory verse ... Have a go!!

Colossians 1:28

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

Construction

Puzzle challenge

Print off the attached stencil to make your own puzzle

You can choose from the pictures of stories from the bible to stick them on each puzzle piece ...

And as yo do it ... remember how all the parts of the bible point us to Jesus!

Lego challenge (all ages!!!!)

Build something that shows what you've learnt about Jesus!

It can be something Jesus did, something about who he is, a scene from a story you know about Jesus.

It can be a team effort! ... see if other people in your family will help build together.

Once you've built it ... tell someone about Jesus using your lego!!

Pray they might know Jesus more and more!!

(And maybe you could get mum or dad to record you telling us about your Lego ... and we can share it to encourage others at church!!)

* Send photos of your Lego construction to Kathy Barnes ...

And we can share them next week!! crkjbarnes@gmail.com